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In re Application of: Westerlage, et al.
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING
TAX OF A VEHICLE

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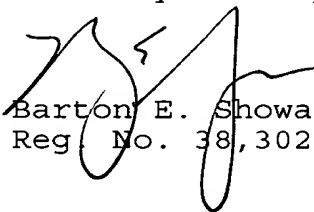
Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action in this case and that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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